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FIRST SPINACH IS READY FOR MARKET

The spinach crop has been planted more than a month earlier this year and the first spinach of the season is being cut this week. It is said to be of excellent quality. The F. E. Bogo cannery Co. of Centerville has under contract about one thousand acres of early spinach which will be ready for the cannery early in February and will mean employment for a large number of people at least thirty days earlier than in previous years.

Some of this first spinach is being cut on the Hotel Belvoir property.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM GREATLY APPRECIATED

What was characterized as the finest Christmas program in years was presented at the Niles Congregational Church last Friday evening. It was built around the tableaux of the visit of shepherds and wise men to the birth place of Jesus. The Young People's Choir, each member of which was robed in a white surplice, gave the Christ child story in song while a concealed reader gave the connecting links. Meanwhile the whole story was being dramatized on the stage by appropriately costumed figures who acted their parts in a series of colored spot lights planned and operated by Mr. Jack Williamson. Edwin Hepler and Mr. J. Green. Not only were there lights, music and costume to bring out the full charm of the story but also a well planned decorative scheme of holly, shrubbery and silhouetting bamboo. Those planning and directing the program were Mrs. Gladys Williamson and Mrs. J. C. Shinn. A good audience was present to enjoy it.

Following the program the church family retired to the parlors where there was a beautifully lighted and trimmed Christmas tree, a table full of gifts for others and oranges, apples and Christmas Calendars for all present. The evening was heartily enjoyed by all.

OTHER WISE MAN ENJOYED

On Christmas morning at the regular church hour Mrs. A. W. Seebart gave a dramatic reading of "The Other Wise Man" by Van Dyke. The reading was very appropriate for such an occasion and was appreciated by the congregation. The service was made still more enjoyable by a special Christmas solo rendered by Mr. Roy F. Morgan of Modesto.

CHURCH SERVICES

The usual services of the church school and church will be conducted next Sunday (New Year's Day), at the Niles Church.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to thank the many friends for their kindness and sympathy and for the floral offerings at the time of our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Destrelle and family

MISSION MAN DIES

Isaac Whitfield of Mission San Jose died Wednesday after a few days illness. He was about seventy years of age.

Ben Murphy and W. L. Martenstein returned Wednesday from a hunting trip to Gustine vicinity. They report the ducks plentiful.

MASONS TO HOLD RECEPTION AND JOINT INSTALLATION

The joint installation of officers for Alameda Lodge No. 167 of Centerville; Masonic Lodge No. 218 of Livermore and Alisal Lodge No. 321 of Pleasanton, which will be held at the Masonic Home at Decoto, will be preceded by a reception for W. H. Fischer, Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of California.

Officers of Alameda Lodge No. 167 of Centerville who will be installed at the joint installation December 30th at the Masonic Home at Decoto; will be:

Paul V. Wilson, Worshipful Master

William J. La Plante, Senior Warden

Ernest Martin, Junior Warden

Louis H. Eggers, Treasurer

Elmer E. Carroll, Secy.

Harry C. Searles, Chaplain

Edwin A. Richmond, Senior Deacon

Hugh M. Kirby, Junior Deacon

Michael J. Overacker, Marshall

Franklin A. Brown, Senior Steward

Franklin A. Katzer, Junior Steward

Arnt R. Gronley, Tyler

Fred D. Gatchel, Organist

TWO INCHES OF RAIN FALLS DURING PAST WEEK

Moderate temperatures and plenty of rain prevailed at Christmastide here this year. Rain began falling on Saturday and continued through Christmas day. Intermittent showers have been the prevailing order all week. The rain has fallen gently and practically all of it has soaked into the ground in a way to be of great benefit to agriculture. All in all, about two inches of moisture has fallen since December 24th.

According to Miss L. A. Barry's record the rainfall for this year to date is 6.74 inches. Last year 7.39 inches of rain had fallen up to December 29.

The heavy rains of the past few days have caused washouts on the detour between Mission San Jose and Sunol where the new \$200,000 bridge is under construction, and all traffic from this road is now being routed through Niles canyon although the bridges there have all been considered unsafe for heavy vehicles.

Work on the Niles Canyon road, where the "narrow" are being widened, has also been postponed because of the high water.

DECOTO

Mrs. Mills and Miss Breiner were the guests of Mrs. C. Blose on Sunday, and of Rev. Henry McCall of Newark on Monday.

Misses Eva, Olga, Marie Swanson and Mr. Oscar Swanson spent the holidays at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Swanson.

Last week Mrs. W. A. McPherson visited her sister in Oroville.

Mr. Harley Dennis of Hayward was the week end guest of Mr. Lawrence Pimentel.

On Wednesday evening thirty people were present at the Cast Party at the Community Church. Refreshments of Club House salad, coffee and cake were served. All enjoyed this social affair.

On Monday morning a Swiss dairy truck loaded with milk crashed into the ditch by the W. P. R. R. tracks in order to prevent a crash with the 10:30 train. The driver escaped uninjured. The only injury done to the car was a damaged head light and tire. The car was soon pulled out.

The Boy Scouts distributed baskets of food to the needy families of Decoto on Thursday. Several of the needy families attended the Health Center's Christmas party on Saturday afternoon at Centerville.

At the Community Church the primary class of the Sunday School won the airplane race that lasted three months. Their plane was named "Lindberg." Award pins were given out to the following who have come twelve or more Sundays in succession: Wendell Blose, Gladys Bowers, Elizabeth Bowers, Ruby Bowers, Bernice Nevis, Mary Coleman, Vivian Blose, Mildred Nevis.

The Woolaroc tribe of the Friendly Indians has won a membership of ten Swastika pins which were given to them on Saturday by their Big Chief.

Any one who passed by the meeting of the C. E. on Sunday saw a very effective scene. All the lights were turned out and the members were singing carols by the light of two red tapers with a very beautiful wreath in the background.

The story of "The Other Wise Man" was told by Orville Blose. A vivid picture of the birth of Christ, and "The Sacred Flame" were told by Miss Lucile Breiner. Afterwards popcorn and punch were served.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

A delightful surprise party was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Silva, Jr. of Decoto in honor of their daughter Agnes's eighteenth birthday on December 21. Whist, dancing and games were features of the amusement after which in the wee small hour of the morning refreshments were served to all.

Those present were: The Misses Agnes Silva, Edna Mello, Helen Feletti, Evelyn Cloudeane, Bertha Silva, of Decoto, Alice Ferry, Ethel Ferry, Veronica Ferry, of Alviso, Betty Messmer of Oakland; Mr. Manuel Silva, Clarence Frates, Manuel Perry, Richard Silva, of Decoto.

WILL ENTERTAIN NEW YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bergstrom will entertain a group of friends at the St. Claire Hotel of San Jose on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Moore will entertain the following at New Year's dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crothers and children of Eureka, Mr. and Mrs. Jolliffe, Mr. R. A. Crothers and Miss Margaret Moore of San Francisco. Frank Dusterberry family of Centerville and Mrs. Robert Bonner of Sunol.

The New Year



CENTERVILLE

It has certainly been holiday week. The Mickels are still in San Jose. Mrs. M. Allen and son spent Christmas with Mrs. Morrison and Gentry in Palo Alto. The Mathisons had a home gathering with tree and imported Santa Claus. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory was with the Blanchards in San Jose. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bunting entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gurnett and family at Mrs. F. O. Bunting's.

The E. T. Chadbournes spent the day with relatives in Oakland. The Hall fittings in San Jose. Mrs. C. Emerson entertained Mrs. M. Friedman and Mrs. R. H. Magill of Oakland, the Eugene Stevenson and family and Betty Hegan.

The George Emersons had relatives, Mrs. Gimbel and Mr. Williams of Oakland, Mrs. Clucas of San Rafael.

Mrs. Mary Jasper is recovering from a case of ptomaine poisoning caused by eating persimmons the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dusterberry had a large gathering including the Moores and family of Niles, Mr. and Mrs. Jolliffe, Sr. of Los Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. Jolliffe of Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blacow spent the day in San Francisco with Mrs. W. Steely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Blacow were in Oakland. The Grahams entertained a large party of relatives and friends. Rev. and Mrs. Attwood and Cyril entertained friends from Los Angeles. Mrs. Viola Ames and son Clarence went to Fresno to spend their Christmas.

ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

About sixty gathered at Memorial Hall, Tuesday evening, December 27. Busy fingers had placed and decorated the pretty tree. Rev. J. Attwood opened the program with prayer. Then Christmas carols were sung, the children spoke appropriate pieces in their own individual way. At last there was a jingle of bells and one of the neatest looking Santa Claus stood in and with a mild voice welcomed all, especially the children who were asked if they came to Sunday school. Then a big pack on his back was opened and every one received a present of a box of candy and an orange. Then came chocolate and cake and the children and grown people thought it was the jolliest party of the year.

Mrs. Howard Chadbourn has been quite ill and is still under the doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. Agosti and daughter are with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chadbourn.

Mr. M. Peterson of Alameda spent Christmas with the Mathisons.

John Garcia, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Garcia, was badly burned about the hands and knees Monday when a toy steam engine with which he was playing exploded. He had tied down the safety valve to speed up the engine and the pressure became too great.

Last Saturday the Fire department made some preliminary tests of a new fire truck. A series of tests are being made and the truck is to be purchased if it meets with the approval of the department.

Dr. Holman moved into his new modern residence the latter part of last week. The house is attractively finished in stucco and is a pleasing addition to the residence section of town.

IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE IS GREAT SUCCESS

The Irvington Community Church gave its annual Christmas Entertainment last Thursday evening to an audience of about one hundred and sixty. A gaily decorated and illuminated Christmas tree occupied a prominent place on the platform from which Santa Claus distributed gifts and candy to every child in the audience. A delightful part of the program was a pageant of the Christmas story put on by a group of young people from Decoto. This pageant was strikingly rendered by the use of colored spotlights and magnificent costumes provided for the occasion by the First Presbyterian Church of Oakland. The young people of Irvington dramatized Leo Tolstoy's story "Where love is there is God also," which story was re-written for this purpose by Rev. J. R. Stevenson. Perhaps the most interesting part of the program was the part taken by the younger children, who spoke their pieces with all the happy ingenuousness of childhood. The entertainment was perhaps one of the most successful ever attempted by the Irvington church.

BETTENCOURT GIVEN A GREAT OVATION

Larry Bettencourt, Washington Township's football hero, was honored at a reception at the High School last Thursday evening, when some six hundred people gathered to show him how Washington Township appreciates his athletic record. A program of speeches and music opened the affair and later in the evening the crowd adjourned to the Parish Hall at Centerville for the dance which followed. The home folks presented Larry with a number of gifts as tokens of their regard. A handsome leather traveling bag, completed equipped, gold pen and pencil and a slicker comprised the gifts and a group of his San Jose friends gave him a set of military brushes the same evening. A surprise event was the presentation of a certificate of selection as All-American Center, signed by "Pop" Warner, Tad Jones and Knute Rockne. Six other members of the St. Mary's Football squad were present, including Al Tobin, Captain elect for next year. Speeches by Brother Z. Lee and Coach Madigan were enthusiastically received by the large crowd. An exceptionally large number stayed for the dancing and the whole affair was considered a gratifying success.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silvera of Newark on December 26. **H. S. OPENS JANUARY THIRD
OTHERS ONE WEEK LATER**

Washington Union High School will re-open next Tuesday, January 3, after a two weeks' vacation. The grammar schools at Niles and other towns in the township will open the following Monday, January 9.

The High school vacation was shortened so that school will close early enough in the spring to allow the teachers to attend summer school.

TAKING FIG TREE INVENTORY

The State Department of Agriculture through the County Horticultural Commission and their Inspectors are taking an inventory of all the Capri or Nale fig trees in the state. Any one in Alameda County having Capri fig trees should notify W. B. Kirk, Horticultural Inspector and State Quarantine Guardian at Niles and he will call and give valuable information in regard to their care.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT AFFECTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The vacationing spirit prevailed this week in both Niles and Centerville. A very light attendance at the Niles Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday, and no meeting at all of the Centerville club resulted. Holiday visits, visiting, hunting trips and rainy weather were contributing factors.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hadad entertained the Fred Napan family and about ten friends from Oakland at their home Christmas eve. Several of the Oakland friends remained over until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bendel and children, attended a Bendel family reunion at the home of Mr. Bendel's mother at Alameda on Christmas eve.

Mr. T. E. Smathers of Rilon who was an over Christmas guest at the home of Mrs. Smathers' sister, Mrs. E. A. Ellsworth of Niles, is critically ill with pneumonia at the Ellsworth home.

IRVINGTON

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Lutz entertained Mr. and Mrs. G. Bernal, Mrs. Marion Horner and Rev. J. R. Stevenson at dinner Christmas day.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Durham entertained Miss Georgia Cutler and Mrs. Cutler of San Francisco over Christmas. Rev. J. R. Stevenson was a dinner guest at the Durham home Monday.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The regular meeting of the stockholders of The Bank of Alameda County, a corporation, will be held at the office of the bank at Alvarado, Cal., on Saturday, January 14, 1928, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors of the corporation and transacting such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

J. R. BLACOW,
Secretary.
Dated December 21, 1927.

A Happy New Year
to
Our Big Family of Readers



THE BAT

A Novel From the Play

By Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood

WNU Service

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CHAPTER X

The Hidden Room

A few moments later Jack Bailey, seeing a thin glow of candle-light from the attic above, and hearing Lizzie's protesting voice, made his way up there. He found them in the trunk-room, a dusty, dingy apartment lined with high closets along the walls—the floor littered with an incongruous assortment of attic objects—two battered trunks, a clothes hamper, an old sewing machine, a broken-backed kitchen chair, a pair of dilapidated dress-suitcases and a shabby satchel that might once have been a woman's dressing-case—in one corner a grimy fireplace in which, obviously, no fire had been lighted for years.

But he also found Miss Cornelia holding her candle to the floor and staring at something there.

"Candle-grease!" she said, sharply, staring at a line of white spots by the window. She stooped and touched the spots with an exploratory finger.

"Fresh candle-grease! Now who do you suppose did that? It leads straight to the fireplace!" she murmured in tones of Sherlockian gravity. Bailey repressed an involuntary smile. But her next words gave him genuine food for thought.

"It's been going through my mind for the last few minutes that no chimney due runs up this side of the house!" she said.

Bailey stared. "Then why the fireplace?"

"That's what I'm going to find out!" said the spinster grimly. She started to rap the mantel, testing it for secret springs.

"Jack! Jack!" It was Dale's voice, low and cautious, coming from the landing of the stairs.

Bailey stepped to the door of the trunk room.

"Come in," he called in reply. "And lock the door behind you."

Dale entered, turning the key in the lock behind her.

"Where are the others?"

"They're still searching the house. There's no sign of anybody."

"They haven't found—Mr. Anderson?"

Dale shook her head. "Not yet."

She turned toward her aunt. Miss Cornelia had begun to enjoy herself once more.

Rapping on the mantelpiece, poking and pressing various corners and sections of the mantel itself, she remembered all the detective stories she had ever read and thought, with a sniff of scorn, that she could better them. She rapped on the wall above the mantel—exactly—there was the hollow echo she wanted.

"Hollow as Lizzie's head!" she said triumphantly. The fireplace was obviously not what it seemed—there must be a space behind it unaccounted for in the building plans. Now what was the next step? Detectives always took, oh, yes—they looked for panels; panels that moved. And when one shoved them away there was a button or something. She pushed and pressed and finally something did move. It was the mantelpiece itself, false grate and all, which began to swing out into the room, revealing behind a dark, hollow cubbyhole, some six feet by six—the hidden room at last!

"Oh, Jack, be careful!" breathed Dale, as her lover took Miss Cornelia's candle and moved toward the dark hiding place. But her eyes had already caught the outlines of a tall iron safe in the gloom, and in spite of her fears, her lips formed a wordless cry of victory.

But Jack Bailey said nothing at all. One glance had shown him that the safe was empty.

The tragic collapse of all their hopes was almost more than they could bear. Coming on top of the nerve-racking events of the night, it left them dazed and directionless. It was, of course, Miss Cornelia who recovered first.

"Even without the money," she said, "the mere presence of this safe here, hidden away, tells the story. The fact that some one else knew and got here first cannot alter that."

But she could not cheer them. It was Lizzie who created a diversion. Lizzie had bolted into the hall at the first motion of the mantelpiece outwards, and who now with equal precipitation came bolting back. She rushed into the room, slamming the door behind her, and collapsed into a heap of moaning terror at her mistress' feet.

At first she was completely inarticulate, but after a time she muttered that she had seen "him" and then fell to moaning again.

The same thought was in all their minds, that in some corner of the upper floor she had come across the body of Anderson. But when Miss Cornelia finally quieted her and asked this, she shook her head.

"It was the Bat I saw," was her astounding statement. "He dropped

through the skylight out there and ran along the hall. I saw him, I tell you. He went right by me!"

"Nonsense," said Miss Cornelia, briskly. "How can you say such a thing?"

But Bailey pushed forward and took Lizzie by the shoulder.

"What did he look like?"

"He hadn't any face. He was all black where his face ought to be."

"Do you mean he wore a mask?"

"Maybe. I don't know."

She collapsed again, but when Bailey, followed by Miss Cornelia, made a move toward the door, she broke into frantic wailing.

"Don't go out there!" she shrieked. "He's there, I tell you. I'm not crazy. If you open that door, he'll shoot."

But the door was already open and no shot came. With the departure of Bailey and Miss Cornelia, and the resulting darkness due to their taking the candle, Lizzie and Dale were left alone. The girl was faint with disappointment and strain; she sat huddled on a trunk, saying nothing, and after a moment or so Lizzie roused to her condition.

"Not feeling sick, are you?" she asked.

"I feel a little queer."

"Who wouldn't, in the dark here, with that monster loose somewhere near by?" But she stirred herself and got up. "I'd better get the smelling salts," she said heavily. "God knows I hate to move, but if there's one place safer in this house than another, I've yet to find it."

She went out, leaving Dale alone. The trunk room was dark, save that now and then as the candle appeared and reappeared the doorway was faintly outlined. On this outline she kept her eyes fixed, by way of comfort, and thus passed the next few moments. She felt weak and dizzy and entirely despairing.

Then—the outline was not so clear. She had heard nothing, but there was something in the doorway. It stood there, formless, diabolical, and then she saw what was happening. It was closing the door. Afterward she was mercifully not to remember what came next; the figure was perhaps intent on what was going on outside, or her own movements may have been as silent as its own. That she got into the mantel room and even partially closed it behind her is certain, and that her description of what followed is fairly accurate is borne out by the facts as known.

The Bat was working rapidly. She heard his quick, nervous movements; apparently he had come back for something and secured it, for now he moved again toward the door. But he was too late; they were returning that way. She heard him mutter something and quickly turn the key in the lock. Then he seemed to run toward the window, and for some reason to recoil from it.

The next instant she realized that he was coming toward the mantel room, that he intended to hide in it. There was no doubt in her mind as to his identity. It was the Bat, and in a moment more he would be shut in there.

She tried to scream and could not, and the next instant she was in a dead faint on the floor.

Bailey meanwhile had crawled out on the roof and was carefully searching it. But other things were happening also. A disinterested observer could have seen very soon why the Bat had abandoned the window as a means of egress.

Almost before the mantel had swung to behind the arch-criminal, the top of a tall pruning ladder had appeared at the window, and by its quivering showed that some one was climbing up, rung by rung. Unsuspectingly enough he came on, pausing at the top to flash a light into the room, and then cautiously swinging a leg over the sill. It was the doctor. He gave a low whistle, but there was no reply, save that, had he seen it, the mantel swung out an inch or two. Perhaps he was never so near death as at that moment, but that instant of irresolution on his part saved him, for by coming into the room he had taken himself out of range.

Even then he was very close to destruction, for after a brief pause and a second rather puzzled survey of the room, he started toward the mantel itself. Only the rattle of the door-knob stopped him, and a call from outside.

"Dale!" called Bailey's voice from the corridor. "Dale!"

"Dale! Dale! The door's locked!" cried Miss Cornelia.

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The doctor hesitated. The call came again.

"Dale! Dale!" and Bailey pounded on the door as if he meant to break it down.

The doctor made up his mind.

"Wait a moment!" he called. He stepped to the door and unlocked it.

Bailey hurried himself into the room, followed by Miss Cornelia with her candle. Lizzie stood in the doorway, timidly, ready to leap for safety at a moment's notice.

"Why did you lock that door?" said Bailey, angrily, threatening the doctor.

"But I didn't," said the latter, truthfully enough. Bailey made a movement of irritation. Then a glance about the room informed him of the amazing, the incredible fact. Dale was not there! She had disappeared!

"You—you," he stammered at the doctor. "Where's Miss Ogden? What have you done with her?"

The doctor was equally baffled.

"Done with her?" he said indignant.

"I don't know what you're talking about—I haven't seen her!"

"Then you didn't lock that door?"

Bailey menaced him.

The doctor's denial was firm.

"Absolutely not. I was coming through the window when I heard your voice at the door!"

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"Dale!" Called Bailey's Voice From the Corridor.

might be speaking the truth after all. But if so, how and why had Dale disappeared?

The doctor's admission of his manner of entrance did not make Lizzie any the happier.

"In at the window—just like a bat!" she muttered in shaking tones. She would not have stayed in the doorway if she had not been afraid to move anywhere else.

"I saw lights up here from outside," continued the doctor easily. "And I thought—"

Miss Cornelia interrupted him. She had laid down her candle and revolver on the top of the clothes hamper and now stood gazing at the mantel fireplace.

"The mantel's—closed!" she said.

The doctor stared. So the secret of the hidden room was a secret no longer. He saw ruin gaping before him—a bottomless abyss. "Damnation!" he cursed, impotently, under his breath.

Bailey turned on him savagely.

"Did you shut that mantel?"

"No!"

"I'll see whether you shut it or not!" Bailey leapt toward the fireplace.

"Dale! Dale!" he called desperately, leaning against the mantel. His fingers groped for the knob that worked the mechanism of the hidden entrance.

The doctor picked up the single lighted candle from the hamper, as if to throw more light on Bailey's task.

Bailey's fingers found the knob. He turned it. The mantel began to swing out into the room.

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"Doctor, why did you put out that candle?"

Miss Cornelia's voice cut the blackness like a knife.

"I didn't—I—"

He indicated Dale—her face still and wan—her breath coming so faintly she seemed hardly to breathe at all, as Miss Cornelia and Bailey tried to revive her.

"She's coming to—" said Miss Cornelia, triumphantly, as a first faint flush of color reappeared in the girl's cheeks.

"We found her shut in there, Mr. Anderson," the spinster added, pointing toward the gaping entrance of the hidden room.

A gleam crossed the detective's face.

He went up to examine the secret chamber. As he did so, Doctor Wells, who had been inching surreptitiously toward the door, sought the opportunity of slipping out unnoticed.

But Anderson was not to be caught napping again.

"Wells!" he barked. The doctor stopped and turned.

"Where were you when she was locked in this room?"

The doctor's eyes sought the floor—the walls—wildly—for any possible loophole of escape.

"I didn't shut her in—if that's what you mean!" he said defiantly.

"There was some one shut in there with her!" He gestured at the hidden room. "Ask these people here."

Miss Cornelia caught him up at once.

"The fact remains, Doctor," she said, her voice cold with anger, "that we left her here alone. When we came back, you were here. The corridor door was locked, and she was in that room—unconscious!"

She moved forward to throw the light of her candle on the hidden room as the detective passed into it, gave it a swift professional glance, and stepped out again. But she had not finished her story by any means.

"As we opened that door," she continued to the detective, tapping the false mantel, "the doctor deliberately extinguished our only candle!"

"Do you know who was in that room?" queried the detective, fiercely, wheeling on the doctor.

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"You did—I saw you do it."

The brief exchange of accusation and denial took but an instant of time, as the mantel swung wide open. The next instant there was a rush of feet across the floor, from the fireplace—the shock of a collision between two bodies—the sound of a heavy fall.

"What was that?" queried Bailey, dazedly, with a feeling as if some great winged creature had brushed him and passed.

Lizzie answered from the doorway. "Oh, oh!" she groaned, in stricken accents. "Somebody knocked me down and trampled on me!"

"Matches, quick!" commanded Miss Cornelia. "Where's the candle?"

The doctor was still trying to explain his curious action of a moment before.

"Awfully sorry, I assure you—it dropped out of the holder—an, here it is!"

He held it up triumphantly. Bailey struck a match and lighted it. The wavering little flame showed Lizzie prostrate but vocal, in the doorway—and Dale, lying on the floor of the hidden room, her eyes shut, and her face as drained of color as the face of a marble statue. For one horrible instant Bailey thought she must be dead.

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had evidently made up his mind to cling stubbornly to a policy of complete denial.

"No," he said sullenly. "I didn't put out the candle. It fell. And I didn't lock that door into the hall. I found it locked!"

A sigh of relief from Bailey now centered everyone's attention on himself and Dale. At last the girl was recovering from the shock of her terrible experience and regaining consciousness. Her eyelids fluttered—closed again—opened once more. She tried to sit up, weakly



Shipping of navel oranges for the Christmas trade from Redlands was well under way early in the month, with most of the packing houses sending out a few cars. The weather has been almost ideal with warm days and cold nights, which has brought out the color in the fruit and given the oranges a good flavor.

Guy Lowe, potato grower of the Woodville district, started digging a sixty-five acre tract of tubers late in November, which were conspicuous for their fine quality and size. The potatoes were of the White Rose variety. Mr. Lowe estimates his yield at 175 to 225 sacks to the acre. The potatoes were planted ninety days before harvest. Some of them, put on display in Porterville, weighed from two to four pounds each.

Fumigation of 6,590 acres of citrus groves in Riverside County for citro-cola and black scale, has been accomplished this year. This includes 565 groves, with 560,206 trees. There were thirteen licensed fumigators in the field, with thirty crews at work. Total cost of the process this season, exceeding that of last on account of the higher price of HCN gas, was \$236,478.70. Cost per acre was \$35.88, as against \$28.80 in 1926.

Approximately \$100,000 worth of turkeys will be shipped from Biggs before February 15th, the cargo going mainly to Los Angeles and to San Francisco markets. Eight cars will be shipped by the California Poultry Company of San Francisco, carrying what F. E. Keene, their local manager, estimates to be 200,000 pounds of local turkeys. Prices are running 33 cents and 39 cents per pound to the growers. A. Stokes, one of the largest growers in Biggs, expects to ship 20,000 pounds of turkeys this month.

Payment of approximately \$42,000 was distributed last week to growers of sweet potatoes of the Turlock district, covering the last of the November pools. The distribution was made by the Merced-Stanislaus Sweet Potato Growers' Association. With last week's payment the total returned to growers for this season has reached the \$220,000 mark, it was announced. Shipment of cellar stock has been under way since the first of this month and will continue throughout the winter, it was announced. Twenty cars of this class of sweet potatoes have gone out in the past fifteen days.

Thousands of head of cattle and sheep from Arizona are being shipped into the San Joaquin Valley to fatten on the abundant wild feed on the west side plains of Fresno, Kern and Kings counties. Last year there was not enough stock to consume the unusually large amount of good pasture. This coming year bids fair to be even better for feed, for there is now good pasture on the west side for both cattle and sheep, and there never has been such a favorable season for lambing, which is now in progress. Joe A. Lemon, one of the largest owners of sheep in this part of the valley, states that in the entire twenty-eight years he has been in the business he never saw such a favorable season.

Results for November, the first month of the ninth annual California Farm Bureau Egg-Laying contest with headquarters at Santa Cruz, indicate that new records of production will be established this year. Some of the best poultry establishments in several states are represented in the competition, including several winners of 1927 out-of-state contests. Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Michigan and British Columbia flocks are entered. A pen of White Leghorns, owned by the Alberta Ranch of Santa Cruz, won first honors in the 1st class for November, with a production of 181 eggs.

If fair weather continues, virtually all of the rice planted in the Biggs district, Butte County, will be harvested by Christmas, rice authorities claim. The north wind and sunshine have dried up the lands sufficiently that tractors and men are again at work bringing in the rice. Where it has to be trucked for any distance, it is not being cut, as the cost of harvesting is almost as high as would be paid the grower. The rice around Chico is practically all in the warehouse, while about 80 per cent is in around Richvale and Biggs.

The condition of winter vegetables in California during the first half of December is reported as favorable by the bureau of agricultural economics, United States Department of Agriculture. A few Southern California districts show the need of rain, but growing conditions in general are good. The harvest of tomatoes for shipment is over in all parts of the state, and the next big deal will be head lettuce in the Imperial Valley. Condition of the lettuce crop is given as 87 per cent of normal, with a production of 3,300,000 crates in prospect.

Steps to create San Francisco as the wool marketing center of eleven Western States for growers, processors and wool merchants were taken last week through the industrial committees of the Chamber of Commerce at San Francisco.

Although it doesn't become effective until January 1, 1928, farmers and all other thrifty folk who have rigged a box on the back of the family car, will be pleased to know that Governor Young has affixed his signature to Senate bill No. 709, which relieves such vehicles of the payment of the commercial weight fee. Bill No. 709 establishes a new schedule of fees for commercial vehicles, and relieves all motor vehicles, irrespective of design, weighing less than 3,000 pounds, of the weight fee.

A new world record for potato production was announced at Stockton last week by State Department of Agricultural and County Horticultural Commission officials. An acre of British Queen potatoes dug on the Frederick H. Rindge delta tract just west of Stockton yielded 64,707 pounds which, it is estimated, would fill 570½ sacks. The former record of 62,293, obtained by digging a field twice, was held by Zuckerman Bros., also Stockton delta farmers. Zuckermans obtained 61,470 pounds with their first digging. Record yields for four varieties of potatoes were produced on the Rindge property this season. All records have been certified by the state and county officials.

Onions form one of the main winter vegetable crops in the Coachella Valley, and a large acreage has been planted this year. One of the large solid plantings is that on the C. H. Hollis Ranch, where sixty acres of onions are now growing. The crop is a little later than usual this year, owing to the fact that late October rains delayed transplanting. The onion sets are grown in seedbeds on a small acreage, where the seeds are planted very thick. When the plants have reached a certain size, they are transplanted by hand to the fields. In addition to the sixty acres on his own ranch, Mr. Hollis has contracted for the output of several other ranches. He operates several packing and shipping sheds in valley cities.

Heavy express shipments of dates, egg plant and string beans left Indio for Los Angeles and eastern markets during November. Dates have been going out to all parts of the United States, and some foreign countries, since early in September, and will continue moving until the next crop is harvested. The marketing of fresh dates the year round from this valley has been made possible by the erection of a new cold storage plant by the Deglet Noor Date Growers' Association. Shipments by express, freight, mail and truck are rapidly increasing each season, and with the large increased acreage coming into bearing each year, this is becoming one of the most important industries in the Coachella Valley.

Estimates place the orange crop of the Hemet Valley for the season just started at 60 per cent of last year's total. Picking started shortly after the first of December, a considerably later date than usual. The oranges promise to be of better quality and of larger size than last season's crop, and on this account the total returns to growers may approximate the receipts from the larger yield of the 1926-27 season. The past season saw shipments of 74,732 packed boxes of oranges from Hemet, this total being carried in 161 cars. The packing house of the Hemet Orange Growers' Association handled 39,732 boxes, while the plant of the Little Lake Mutual Orange distributors cared for 35,000 boxes.

O. W. Baker of Pentz, Cal., is the originator of a seedless lemon. At the Orange and Olive Exposition held at Oroville he exhibited his fruit and explained the development of it. "Several years ago I budded my sweet seedling orange trees with a navel orange and an Eureka lemon. The fruit was navel oranges and lemons. I noticed the lemons were seedless and pruned the tree down to the lemon branches. The fruit has since been of good quality and seedless. Baker, also has in his orchard a seedless orange tree which bears navels, seedless lemons, limes and grapefruit.

The persimmon season at Tustin has closed, with the shutting down of the packing house operated by the Southern Orange County Persimmon Growers' Association. About 150 tons of fruit were packed this season, under the standard specifications of the new marketing association. The first straight carload of persimmons ever shipped from Southern California originated at the Tustin house this fall. Since then several carloads have been shipped to various eastern points.

The cotton estimate for Madera County is around 5,200 bales, valued at \$520,000. About 2,600 tons of cotton-seed have been produced, valued at \$78,000. The cotton crop in itself, and a wonderful grade of cotton is raised in Madera County, is thus valued at \$58,000. A prominent grain merchant in Madera estimates that about 50,000 sacks of barley and 212,000 sacks of wheat were raised in the county during the 1927 season. The value of the barley crop would be about \$962,500 and that of the wheat about \$500,000.

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The DAIRY

MUST FEED COWS FOR PRODUCTION

If the dairy industry of North Carolina is to profit most from the introduction of pure-bred cows and bulls brought in by farmers in recent years, the offspring from these animals must be well fed.

"In the three dairy improvement campaigns conducted in this state during the last three years about 850 pure bred, well selected dairy bulls have been placed on that many farms," says John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at the North Carolina State college. "This does not include a number of other fine animals brought in through private sales. If the dairy industry is to derive any great benefit from the use of the animals, their offspring must be well fed. This is true from the time the calf is dropped until it has passed its usefulness as a milk cow. Many heifers sired by good bulls have been disappointments and have been stunted in growth and production by underfeeding when they were young."

Mr. Arey states that good breeding is very important in building up the milk and cream production of a herd, but it is ineffective unless the good breeding is accompanied by good feeding. Underfeeding, he states, is largely responsible for dairy cows of this state averaging only about 150 pounds of butterfat a year. This quantity of butterfat selling for 45 cents a pound brings only \$67.50 which will not pay for the feed the cow eats. In many cases, the production may be increased from 150 pounds to 225 pounds by liberal feeding. At 45 cents a pound the 225 pounds of fat will bring \$101.25 which is enough to give the farmer a good profit for all the feeds he produces on his farm and feeds to his cows.

These animals which will not produce as high as 225 pounds of fat when well fed, should be culled from the herd and sold to the butcher; but, no cow should be so condemned until she has had a chance under good feeding and care, states Mr. Arey.

Winter Water Supply Is

Important for the Cows

Dairy cows which are giving from 25 to 30 pounds of milk daily will need from nine to ten gallons of water daily, while cows that are giving only a small amount of milk can get along on half of this amount. This fact alone demonstrates that a good water supply is a prerequisite of successful dairy.

When dairy cows are forced to go out into a cold northwest wind and shiver while they are trying to drink out of a trough partially covered with ice, it stands to reason that they will not drink a sufficient amount to produce efficiently. From a standpoint of feed alone, it is cheaper to heat the water with coal or oil than it is to heat it in the cow's body by the use of high-priced feed.

If the question of economy alone were the only point to consider, it would not be so important. However, cows will not produce to their maximum capacity when they are forced to drink ice water. When such conditions exist, it is only natural that cows will drink only sufficient to keep up their body requirements.

Electricity Is Needed

to Operate Water Motor

It is easy to install a water system that will give a supply of water at all times under pressure. The old-fashioned elevated tank in the attic or outside on a tower will work, but the latest development is a little compact, self-contained automatic pump that costs less than \$75. It consists of an automatic electric pump, a little pneumatic tank and the necessary pipe connections. Set it at the pressure desired—when the pressure drops the pump starts working and keeps on until the pressure is up again. The tank helps to maintain a steady pressure, which means a uniform flow. Of course electricity is necessary to operate the motor, but this is rapidly being made available almost everywhere.

Cream Separator

A cream separator properly installed, lubricated and operated under normal conditions from day to day should not have a wide variation in tests, but there are so many factors, such as temperature, speed of the machine, etc., that affect the tests that it is well to give all of these factors consideration before becoming suspicious of your cream buyer. When the cream screw is turned toward the center it will deliver a much richer cream.

Modern Dairy Methods

The saving of time and labor which is possible with modern dairy-barn construction may easily make the difference between profit and loss. Handled by old methods, the management of a dairy herd was a hard grind which took all the strength a man had, and gave a basis for the assertion that dairying was a dog's life. The newer methods and modern equipment make it possible to handle the job with much less labor and yet do it better.



Draw Your Own Moral From This Anecdote

Governor Dern of Utah, in a witty after-dinner speech in Salt Lake City, praised cosmetics.

"After all," he said, "cosmetics make life pleasanter. Let me tell you a story.

"The minister's wife, at Croydon Four Corners, spent last winter with her niece and nephew in New York, and on her return home she was made up a little.

"The minister was at work on a sermon in his study when she got back. He looked up at her from his manuscript with a smile of welcome, but the next moment his smile changed to a frown.

"'Woman,' he thundered, 'go wash your face.'

"The poor lady obeyed meekly, and then she returned to the study. Again the minister looked up from his manuscript.

"'Woman,' he thundered, 'go back and put it on again.'—Detroit Free Press.

Right at Home

Police Chief—Well, did you work the third degree on that guy, as I told you?

Detective—Sure we did; we bulled, ragged, and crisscrossed, and tormented and badgered him every way we could think of.

"Well—and what did he have to say?"

"He just sort of dozed off and muttered: 'S'll right, Maria; s'all right; let it your own way.'—Forbes Magazine.

OUR WOMEN VOTERS



"How do you expect to vote this election?"

"Oh, I guess in my brown suit and new squirrel toque."

Ask Dad

His sister called him "Willie." His mother called him "Will." But when he went to college. To Dad 'twas Bill, Bill, Bill.

Smarty!

Bix (trying to remember)—Let's see! Isn't there a saying that begins "If the shoe pinches?"

Dix—Sure! "If the shoe pinches it is on a woman's foot."

SAME REASON



Reggie—I don't know why I'm under the weather so, Miss Sharpe.

Miss Sharpe—For the same reason that you never come in out of the rain, Mr. Sapp.

Scandal in Bugville

A June bug married an anglerworm. An accident cut her in two; They charged the bug with bigamy. Now what could the poor thing do?

Not Much Change

"What will the modern girl be a decade hence?" inquires a worried contemporary.

"Oh, just about a couple of years older, brother."—Boston Transcript.

Precaution

"American methods are becoming standardized," remarked the economist.

"They are," answered Miss Cayenne. "Even the floral decorations of weddings and funerals are beginning to look all alike."—Washington Star.

It All Depends

Dora—I always keep men at arms' length.

Flora—Don't you ever let them get farther away than that?

His Theory

"Why is it you never admit that you have been wrong?"

"Because," answered Senator Sorghum, "in politics, as in everything else, there is no use of making a bad matter worse."—Washington Star.

Losing Out

"I got a mighty good steak in your restaurant yesterday."

"I know it."

"Eh?"

"I had put that away for myself."

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Amused Her

Reggie—What do you like most in me, baby?

Marjorie—Well, as I'm a baby, it must be because you're so rattle-headed.

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This week, prior to the opening of the New Year, a very representative group of the home business interests convey their New Year's Greetings to the folks of Washington township. Through the columns of the Register. We all hope that the year of 1928 will be a happy and prosperous one for this section. How can we make it so? We suggest that buying at home whenever possible is a very potential factor in community growth and progress. The dollar you spend at home is the dollar that you have a chance of getting back.

While you may occasionally find very alluring displays of merchandise elsewhere, in most cases, the home merchant can supply your needs very satisfactorily and as his patronage increases, he will have a better store and indirectly your business and property also becomes more valuable.

Buying at home whenever it is possible is one way, in which we can all contribute to the happiness and prosperity of Washington township in 1928.

According to reports from Livermore, Jackson Dennis, is organizing a company to start oil drilling there soon. Dennis, who now lives at Berkeley, is well known in this section.

ARE THE MERCHANT

PRINCES PLAIN FOOLS?

Why do John Wanawaker, Marshal Field and all other brilliantly successful local merchants continuously advertise in every newspaper that reaches the people within the zone of their trading area if they have not proved definitely that perpetual advertising is the foundation of retail trade? Are those merchants fools who need to take a lesson in business management from the small town merchants? We hear the worn out answer from the store-keeper, "well our trade is different." The

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—York Republic.

Mrs. J. R. Whipple is spending a few days in San Francisco.

Mr and Mrs G. A. Haliwell of Burlingame spent Christmas with the C. F. Foster family.

Mr F. V. Jones has been confined in bed this week by an attack of tonsillitis.

Mr and Mrs Joe Gabriel of Oakland spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs R. D. Vargas of Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Mayfield of Alvarado are the parents of a daughter born December 23rd, at the Silva Maternity Home.

Mrs. Zada McCormick of Sacramento spent Christmas with her sister Mrs. Lucile Hughes at the home of Miss M. W. Shinn.

D. F. Gatchell and Judge Allen Norris of Centerville left Tuesday for a few days' trip to Yosemite National Park.

Mrs. B. L. Thane and daughter, Miss Fay Thane spent Thursday at the J. E. Thane home in Niles. They plan to leave Friday for a few days trip to Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton of Niles entertained at a family dinner Monday: Mrs. L. A. Walton, Mrs. L. A. Stoops of Niles, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stoops of Alameda and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stoops of San Leandro were guests.

Mr and Mrs C. L. Wilson spent Christmas in Woodland at the home of the latter's parents. A brother, Clyde Miller, returned with them for a few days' visit.

Miss Mabel Clarke entertained at Christmas dinner at the family home in Niles Canyon. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clarke from Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. W. Robison from Portand.

H. E. Leash accidentally injured the thumb and forefinger of one hand Tuesday when they were caught in a jointer head. The accident occurred at the Kraft Cheese box factory here while Mr. Leash was making some experiments with the machine.

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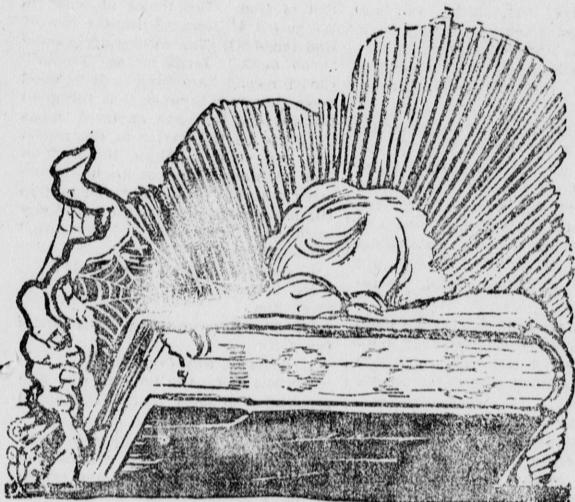
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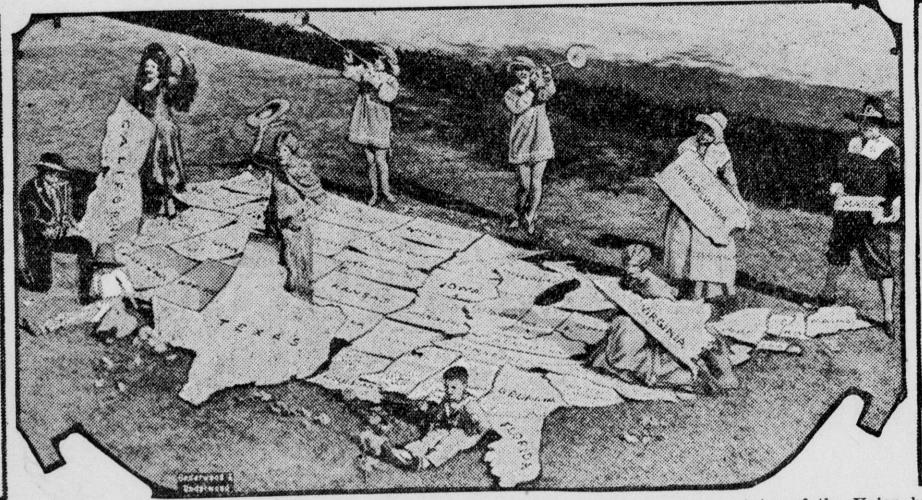
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1927 University of Illinois Football Team



The 1927 football team of the University of Illinois not only won the Western Conference championship, but, by the Dickinson rating system, it also won the national championship. Back row: D. T. Stuessy, Assistant Coach; Rokusek, Assistant Coach Klein, Assistant Coach Olander, Trainer M. Bullock, Senior Manager D. Grimes and Coach Robert Zupke. Third row: L. S. Burdick, L. Grable, L. M. Marriner, L. J. Gordon, W. Jolley, A. D'Ambrosio, H. E. Richman and A. E. Wolgast. Second row: E. F. Nelson, M. H. Mitterwallner, A. J. Nowack, J. A. Timm, G. A. Grange, D. R. Mills, J. R. Stewart, W. E. Short and L. Wietz. Front row: F. Humbert, K. J. Deimling, R. J. Crane, F. H. Walker, C. Perkins, Capt. Bob Reitsch, A. B. French, L. Muegge, William McClure and E. W. Schultz.

Putting the Union Together at Pasadena



As the trumpets of the heralds go rooty-toot-toot, the pages representing the various states of the Union bring in their parts of the big picture-puzzle map. This is only one way in which Pasadena (Calif.) folk are going to be amused at the New Year's Tournament of Roses.

Governor Moody Is a Marksman



Gov. Dan Moody of Texas with a deer he killed at 135 yards on the first day of the shooting season.

Schiff Trophy Given Lieut. Gavin



Presentation of the Herbert Schiff Memorial trophy by President Coolidge to Lieut. Arthur Gavin, navy flyer. Gavin, born in Ashland, Wis., was awarded the trophy for having had 865 flying hours for the year without an accident.

POLISH DIPLOMAT



A new portrait of Jan Stalinski, the secretary of the Polish legation in Washington.

TO HEAD CHAPLAINS



Lieut. Col. Edmund P. Easterbrook, who has just been named chief of chaplains with the rank of colonel, to succeed Col. John T. Axton, who retires April 6, 1928.

CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

Completion of the inspection and licensing of 352 maternity hospitals and homes in California having a total of 2,391 beds, was announced last week by the State Department of Public Health. Licenses were granted to 213 hospitals and 139 maternity homes.

Will Rogers, humorist and erstwhile mayor of Beverly Hills, was last week urged to give up his cowboy togs and seek the toga of a United States Senator. State Treasurer Charles G. Johnson announced that "in all seriousness" he is not only advocating Rogers as Senator from California, but has sent the comedian a telegram proposing that he stand for office at the 1928 election against Senator Hiram Johnson.

The State Highway Commission now is making replacements of trees along the 665 of state highways now treelined. The trees include black walnut, European sycamore, Arizona ash, black locust. Counties in which highway replacements are to be made include, among others, Sacramento, Yolo, Colusa, Glenn, Butte, Tehama, Sonoma, Solano, Napa, San Joaquin, Placer, Humboldt and Lake counties.

To combat infantile paralysis or other children's diseases, a perpetual gift, amounting to \$5,000 a year, has been made to the University of California, according to an announcement from President W. W. Campbell. The anonymous donor, "A Friend of the University," stipulated that the fund be controlled by the Hooper Foundation for Medical Research, "primarily for the study, prevention and cure of infantile paralysis in California." He requested that the money should not be diverted to other purposes unless "some other serious epidemic threatens the lives of the children of this state."

California's total estimated daily average crude oil production fell off 3,300 barrels during the week ended December 17, figures released last week by the American Petroleum Institute show. The total estimated daily production for the entire state for the week of the report was 624,100 barrels, compared with 627,400 barrels for the week ended December 10. Greater fluctuations in the major producing fields was a drop of 3,000 barrels at Seal Beach, where production was 43,000 barrels, compared with 46,000 barrels the previous week. Ventura avenue increased to 53,600 barrels from 51,900 barrels.

Kern county has a total of 23,975 minors under 18 years of age, according to county-wide census just completed and now filed with the state by County Superintendent of Schools L. E. Chenowith. In addition there are 1,520 children whose residence is migratory and whose parents are engaged primarily in cotton-harvesting at this time.

There are approximately 100 lepers now in California, it was estimated last week by Dr. Walter M. Dickie, state director of public health, passing this report to Governor Young on data gathered by health authorities in past investigations. Dr. Dickie said 71 lepers have been sent from California to the Federal leperosarium at Carrville, La., since 1922. Many unfortunate sufferers from the disease however, remain in hiding, he said.

Another case of tularemia—the second to come to his attention within a month—has been reported to the city health department at Sacramento by Dr. Samuel J. Wells. The second victim contracting it, as did the first, by contact with rabbits he killed while hunting. Tularemia is a plague-like disease with symptoms similar to typhoid. The cases reported in Sacramento are believed to have been the first ever reported in California. The disease is most common among rodents and rabbits. In a bulletin issued recently, the state board of health says the disease is not easily spread from person to person and that there is no danger that it may even become epidemic.

The State Highway Commission, meeting January 12, will allocate approximately \$9,000,000 in gasoline tax revenues to be available for new state highway construction during the present biennium, and will work out a definite budget covering proposed expenditures for the two-year period which ends June 30, 1929. Bert B. Meek, state director of public works, announced last week that the allocation will designate sums intended for use on San Francisco's Bay Shore highway, the Skyline boulevard and the other state primary and secondary projects. Under the 1927 Breed bill, increasing the gasoline tax to finance new construction, 75 per cent of the revenues will go for primary routes and 25 per cent for secondary routes.

California will eventually have a population of 50,000,000, Capt. Robert Dollar, steamship magnate, predicted last week in the course of discussing the meeting next February 8 and 9 at Honolulu of the Western division of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Captain Dollar said: The commercial development on the Pacific Coast will in time demand a population of 50,000,000 people in the State of California. Here, in the western empire, we will find the commercial and population center of the world.

Mrs. W. T. Hawthorne, executive secretary of the Sacramento chapter of the American Red Cross, has called attention to the fact that midnight on December 31st will mark the closing of the period during which World War veterans may file for their adjusted service certificates. Mrs. Hawthorne urged all ex-service men who have not filed to do so at once, as this is the means by which the World War veterans are allotted their paid up insurance policies.

The announcement will attempt a transcontinental, trans-Atlantic flight from Holy City in the Santa Cruz mountains in California, to Rome via New York in a plane which will be an exact replica of Colonel Lindbergh's was made at San Diego last week by Evelyn Rosenthal, secretary to William E. Riker, founder of Holy City. Riker is financing the flight.

Plans for the construction of a new hospital unit at the Sonoma State Home for the Feeble Minded and the Preston School of Industry are nearing completion. So announces Earl E. Jensen, state director of institutions. Jensen also said that the department is now considering a plan for devoting a building at one of the state institutions to the treatment of narcotic addicts, with the possibility that a second building may be put to use later.

The selection of Fresno as the place of the annual meeting for 1928 and adoption of September 25 to 30, inclusive, as tentative dates of the "Fresno District Fair" in 1928 were features of the closing session of the Western Fairs Association in San Francisco last week, according to a message from Treffle R. LeSevay, secretary of the Fresno County Chamber of Commerce, who was present at the meeting.

Two million sets of automobile license plates for 1928! This is the expectation of the California State Motor Vehicle Division, which last week opened the issuance of the plates through all branch offices and at the branches of the automobile clubs. It is estimated 1,500,000 sets of plates will be issued during the new period.

State regulation of the barber business and strict enforcement of sanitary measures in all shops will not result in increased prices for shaves and haircuts. C. E. Ryneerson, secretary of the new State Board of Barber Examiners, made this prediction last week in connection with the issuance of state rules and regulations to approximately 7,000 barber shops where they will be displayed for the guidance of tonsorial artists and the information of the public. Ryneerson said the board has just completed the mailing out of licenses to 17,000 barbers, including 400 apprentices.

Enrollment in American colleges and universities has increased 25 per cent in the last five years, it is shown in tabulations received by Dean Raymond Walters of Swarthmore College, Philadelphia. In numerical rank the University of California and Columbia University hold their lead. California's enrollment, including both Berkeley and Los Angeles divisions, is first in number of full-time students, of whom there are 17,311. Columbia has 13,275. In grand total enrollment, comprising 1927 summer school and part-time students, Columbia leads the country with 32,244, and California has 25,534.

Senator Hiram Johnson of California last week introduced a bill in Congress which would pave the way for allowing the expenditure of funds appropriated for the care of Indians in California through the state agencies. Legislation was enacted at the last session of the California Legislature which would allow the state to expend this money for the care of the needy Indians, providing the proper steps are taken in this direction by the Federal Government. Under the Johnson bill, the federal moneys appropriated for the care and relief of the Indians in California would be paid under the direction of the state.

California was the fifth largest exporter in order of value among the states during the second quarter of 1927, with exports of merchandise valued at \$74,846,100, compared with \$66,734,615 for the corresponding period of 1926, an increase of \$8,111,493, according to figures made public last week by the department of commerce at Washington. Gasoline valued at \$16,627,825 ranked first in order of value among California's exports during the three-month period. Gas and fuel oil exports were valued at \$8,304,403. Other commodities ranking high in value were kerosene, \$6,110,479; oranges, \$4,378,317; unmanufactured cotton, \$3,621,415; barley, \$1,994,218; dried raisins, \$1,826,243; boards, planks and scantlings, \$1,715,861; crude petroleum, \$1,557,135; rice, \$1,685,901; canned peaches, \$1,260,398; canned sardines, \$1,192,040, and dried prunes \$1,167,932.

Showing a steady substantial growth, unsurpassed, it is claimed by any other interior California city, the assessment valuation and population of Bakersfield have more than doubled during the last decade. From \$15,030,471 in 1918 the assessed valuation of this city has jumped to \$31,819,205 for 1927, and the population increase has kept pace, rising from approximately 15,500 to 31,012 during the same period. Such are the figures compiled by a special committee of the Bakersfield Civic Commercial Association.

Improved Uniform International

Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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Lesson for January 1

JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Mark 1:1-13.
GOLDEN TEXT—He must increase, but I must decrease.

PRIMARY TOPIC—John Tells About Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—John Welcomes and Baptizes Jesus.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—John Prepares the Way for Jesus. YOUNG PEOPLES AND ADULT TOPIC—John Herald the Mighty One.

In order to understand the lessons for the first six months of the year it is necessary to grasp the central purpose of the Gospel according to Mark. In the Old Testament is set forth an august portrait of Jesus Christ. He is the Branch, the King (Jer. 23:5); the Branch, the Servant (Zech. 3:8); the Branch, the Man (Zech. 6:12); the Branch of the Lord (Isa. 4:2).

The fourfold account in the New Testament called the Gospels, placed alongside of the Old Testament predictions, fits exactly. Matthew presents Him as the King; Mark, the Servant of the Lord; Luke as the Son of God. The theme of Mark is the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (ch. 1:1). The word gospel means "good news." Jesus means "Savior." Christ means "Anointed." It is good news therefore because it is the good tidings that God has anointed Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. The key verse is Mark 10:45, "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many." The key words are, "straightway," "forthwith," "immediately."

I. Who is Jesus Christ (1:1)?
He is none other than God's Beloved Son.

II. The Forerunner of Jesus Christ (v. 2-8).

1. Who he was (vv. 2,3).
He was John, the Baptist, who was prophesied of more than five hundred years before (Isa. 40:3).

His mission was to prepare the way for Christ's coming. He represented himself as but a voice of one crying in the wilderness. He was therefore God's voice sounding forth the divine will and purpose. He was content to be but a voice.

2. John's message (vv. 3-8).
(1) Prepare ye the way of the Lord (v. 3).

It was customary for servants to go before distinguished personages and prepare the road over which they were to travel. In this preparation there was to be removal of stones, the leveling of the surface, etc. John's message meant therefore that the people should remove from their hearts everything which hindered the incoming of the Lord.

(2) The baptism of repentance (v. 4).

In preparation for the coming Christ the people were to repent of their sins. Those who repented were to be baptized. Baptism was to be administered to those who repented as an expression of penitence which led to forgiveness of sin.

(3) The coming of the Messiah (vv. 7, 8).

The coming one was to be much greater than himself; so great that John was unworthy to loose the latches of His shoes. The superior dignity of Christ was not only in His person but in the work He was to perform.

3. His success (v. 5).

People from all over Judea and Jerusalem went out and were baptized. His food and dress indicated that he had withdrawn from the world as a protest against its follies and sins.

III. The Baptism of Jesus Christ (vv. 9-11).

Jesus was not baptized because He had sinned and therefore needed repentance, but because He was now about to accomplish a work which would constitute the basis of all righteousness. He was now dedicating Himself to the task of bringing in righteousness through His sacrificial death.

(1) The opened heavens. This indicated His connection with heaven.

(2) The descent of the Spirit upon Him. This gave the divine seal to His work.

(3) The voice of approval from heaven. This made clear to John the fact that Jesus was the Messiah.

IV. Jesus Christ Tempted by Satan (vv. 12,13).

This took place immediately after the heavenly recognition. This testing was to demonstrate the reality of the incarnation. Because of this demonstration believers can be assured that the Son of God has become incorporated with humanity for the purpose of its salvation.

From Beginning to End

But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rains of heaven; a land which the Lord thy God careth for; the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.—Deut. 11:11-12.

From God's Hand

Whatever comes from God's hand bears good fruit.—Fenelon.

OUR COMIC SECTION

The Saddest Days of All



THE FEATHERHEADS



FINNEY OF THE FORCE



Putting an Art Education to Work

Negligee Styles
Are Ultra-ModernLines of Fashionable Gowns
Show Break From Sports
Idea of Design.

Sports styles in dress have for several seasons rather obscured the softly flattering tea gown in favor of a more practical style of negligee. Now, however, the return toward feminine design and treatment is bringing out many new and interesting creations in the more intimate style of costume. Some of the best French and American designers, observes a fashion correspondent in the New York Times, have turned their attention to it with enthusiasm, finding in it opportunity for original ways of using the new fabrics and trimmings.

An ultra-modern note runs through the latest negligees and is conspicuous because of the patterns seen in the fabrics, which are still regarded as radical departures in the art of design. Batik is having a distinct revival in the gowns of silk and crepe, sometimes appearing in softly-toned tints and other times in daring contrasts and bold figures. The great advance made in designs for using this kind of printed materials is to be seen in some handsome models. They are made mostly in a style that is described as "tailored" because of the shape given the coat. This invariably has at some point a subtle twist of line or suggestion of drapery, the very marked pattern of batik and the cubist stuffs necessitating severe treatment and simple lines.

The colors are especially beautiful this season. Many of them suggest the fabrics of the Orient in their rich tones of red, purple, blue and yellow. Because yellow is so fashionable in all types of dress, it is shown in the negligees in every shade from pale gold to deep orange. A few amusing examples of this ultra-modern idea in house gowns are shown in Molly-O crepe, printed in jazz-like patterns and fantastic combinations of color. Some are extreme, but chic, and are exceedingly popular among the modernists.

Velvets Also Printed.

The new supple velvets also are printed in this up-to-the-minute style. They are used for some of the gowns designed for studio teas, which are made usually in a gay coat-frock or pajama design, intended to be worn by the younger women. The negligees that most women prefer to wear in their own chambers are the always flattering gowns of soft satin, crepe, chiffon or velvet, with trimmings of ostrich, marabou, lace or fur. These have been changed only in material, color and trimmings, because the design has been found to be so "kind" to the face and figure. The latest collections show models of unusual charm.

One made for a New York bride is a luxurious, wrap-around, ankle-length robe of pale yellow crepe satin. It was lined with chiffon velvet of a deeper shade. Yellow ostrich bordered the edge of the gown, ran around the neck and crossed surprise fashion to one side, where a large chou of ostrich held the slight drapery. A band of the same feather trim.

The very reverse of the usual type in tea gowns is seen in a model by Jenny, which is made of all-over lace and lined with pale, rose chiffon. This is particularly appealing because the gown is cut precisely like the coat-frock of a few seasons ago.

Accessories Are Gay.

Interesting and varied accessories that belong with the negligee are being brought out. They are dainty things and often include revivals of old fashions. One is the round garter, which is especially useful for wear with the corsetless lounging robe. Time was when garter buckles were as ornamental and as expensive as other items of jewelry. Some on this order are now being shown by fashionable jewelers, and they are found in other styles in the lingerie shops.



One of the New Fashionable Tea Gowns Made in Honey Velvet.

ming is used to finish the edge of wide sleeves. A robe of this description is practical, and becoming in any color, and looks well with marabou, lace or plaited chiffon trimming. It is a slip-on type, but "dressy" enough to be worn at breakfast or about one's own apartments in the morning.

Because the same model, translated in terms of the luxurious new "orchid" chiffon velvet or of metal brocade, may be worn for a greater number of occasions, some of the Parisian modistes have used it in making robes suitable for afternoons at home. These, more nearly than any other designs, represent a modern version of the once fashionable "tea gown." That was a costume of elegance and much elaboration which was worn by the hostess for high tea

and was the costume in which most liberties in material, color and general style was taken. Individuality was regarded as being properly reflected in the formal "tea gown," although those earlier flights of fancy would be regarded as but gentle flutters today. The modern variant, as presented by the best artists, has undeniable charm and distinction, and no less dignity than the old.

Metal Brocades Popular.

Metal brocades are at the peak of the mode for the new tea gowns. One that is made on formal and graceful lines has the authority of Molynex, who is recognized as a stickler for the conservative. The material is a superb brocade in subtly blended shades of blue, violet and rose combined with silver—a luminous, supple stuff that is well suited to draped lines.

Some tea gowns designed by Redfern are reminiscent of the former day costumes beloved by the English, though they are in the manner now in vogue. They use the most splendid brocades in both velvet and metal, as

one cupful of buttermilk, one teaspoonful of soda, two eggs well beaten. Mix well and roll out; place the following filling on one and cover with another. Bake in a quick oven:

Filled Cookies.—Take two cupfuls of sugar, one and one-eighth cupfuls of shortening, one quart of flour,

TEA TIME

This is the season of the year when a cup of tea is enjoyed with one's friends with a bite of sandwich or a bit of cake.

Filled Cookies.—Take two cupfuls of sugar, one and one-eighth cupfuls of shortening, one quart of flour,

one cupful of buttermilk, one teaspoonful of soda, two eggs well beaten. Mix well and roll out; place the following filling on one and cover with another. Bake in a quick oven:

Filling.—Take one-half cupful each of minced raisins and dates and one glass of currant jelly. Mix and cook until well blended. Cool before using.

Sunshine Cookies.—Take one cupful of sugar, one-third cupful of butter, two teaspoonsful of cream of tartar, one teaspoonful of soda, mixed with three cupfuls of flour. Add one beaten egg and the flour with one-half cupful of milk alternately to the sugar and butter mixture. Add salt if lard is used for shortening. Roll out and use the following for the filling:

Filling.—Take one cupful of raisins, one-half cupful of hot water, one tablespoonful flour and the juice and rind of half a lemon. Cook until smooth, adding a tablespoonful of butter just as it is taken off. Cool before using.

Hickory Nut Cakes.—To one beaten egg add one cupful of sugar, one cupful of sugar, one cupful of cream-sweet or sour—two cupfuls of flour, a pinch of salt, two teaspoonsfuls of baking powder if the cream is sweet, one-half teaspoonful of soda and a teaspoonful of baking powder if sour. Add one cupful of broken hickory nuts and bake in gem pans.

Jumbles.—Mix and beat well one cupful of molasses and one-fourth teaspoonful of soda. Add one cupful each of brown sugar and shortening well mixed, one teaspoonful of salt, three beaten eggs, one-half tablespoonful of ginger, one-half tablespoonful of cinnamon and four scant cupfuls of flour. Drop on a buttered baking sheet and bake in moderate oven.

Oatmeal Wafers.—Take two cupfuls of rolled oats which have been ground through the meat grinder and lightly browned in the oven; add one cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of lard or butter, a teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one-half cupful of hot water. Mix and roll very thin. Brown in a hot oven.

The Nutritious Cheese

As cheese is one of our most concentrated foods, rich in food value and with no waste, it should be more commonly used as a food rather than a relish. There are those who call it indigestible, which it may be, as may any food under certain conditions. Cheese eaten after a hearty meal and improperly masticated is indigestible and has, because of that, been called guilty.

Cheese Balls.—Mix one and one-half cupfuls of grated cheese, one tablespoonful of flour, a dash of salt and cayenne. Add the stiffly beaten whites of three eggs. Shape into small balls and roll in crumbs. Fry in deep fat, draining on paper to remove excess of fat. Serve with endive salad.

Cheese Croquettes.—Melt three tablespoonsfuls of butter, add one cupful of flour gradually, stir until creamy, then add two-thirds of a cupful of milk, two egg yolks and beat well. Add one-half cupful of grated Gruyere cheese and beat until melted. Season with salt, cayenne and a cupful of diced American cheese. Spread on a shallow platter to cool. Cut into any desired shape, dip into fine bread crumbs, then into egg and again into crumbs. Fry in deep fat and drain on brown paper.

Cheese Fritters.—Slice thin half a dozen sour apples. The apples should be mellow and easily cooked. Have ready half as many thin slices of rich cheese. Beat two eggs and season to taste with salt and pepper with a little mustard. Soak the cheese slices in the egg mixture and put each slice between two slices of apple. Dip into beaten egg and saute in hot butter. Serve with a green salad.

Mince Sandwiches.—Cut fine a cupful of chicken, turkey or veal, one cupful of chopped nuts, one box of sardines and four cucumber pickles finely chopped. Mix with salad dressing. Butter slices of bread, lay on a lettuce leaf and spread with the mixture.

Nut and Fig Sandwiches.—Wash and chop fine one-half pound of figs, cook in just enough water to moisten, cool and spread a buttered slice with the fig mixture and the other buttered slice with chopped nuts. Put together and cut into any desired shape.

Patterns in oilcloth and linoleum make fine models for patchwork for those who enjoy that kind of work.

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Sperry's Pastry Flour, 10 lbs.	48c
Corn Beef, Libby's, 12 oz. can	23c
Dry Beef, 2 1-2 oz. glass jar, 2 for	25c
Butter, fresh creamery, always good	lb. 53c
Pickles, 1 pt. jar Yolo brand	19c
Sour, plain or mixed	
Crystal White Soap, 10 bars	33c
Limit 10 bars	
Milk, large cans, any brand, 6 cans	49c
Limit 6 cans	

FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLE DEPT.

Get your fresh fruits and vegetables here for your New Year's dinner. Our prices are right.

Los Angeles Fancy Lettuce, 2 heads	15c
Celery, fancy white heads, 2 heads	15c
Sweet Potatoes, med. size, per lb.	5c
Walnuts, fancy sound meats, per lb.	25c
Oranges, Sunkist, per dozen	35c, 45c, 55c
Cauliflower, Snow Ball,	10c and 12½c

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY CALIFORNIA

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, California, at his office until Tuesday, January 3rd, 1928, at 10:30 o'clock A.M. (the date when said bids will be opened and said contract awarded) for the construction of rock shoulders on County Road known as Alvarado, Centerville Road, from Alvarado to County Road No. 520 all in Washington Road District, Washington Township, Alameda County, California.

Plans and specifications for said work are on file in the office of the County Clerk of Alameda County in the Hall of Records Building in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, where copies may be obtained, by depositing with the County Clerk the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars.

Contractors will be restricted as to the length of time they may retain said plans and specifications to Fifteen (15) days.

Deposits of Contractors failing to return said plans and specifications within said fifteen (15) day period, will immediately become forfeited to the County of Alameda.

Each bid must be accompanied by a check for at least ten (10) percent of the total amount of the bid or proposal, certified to by some responsible bank and made payable to Geo. E. Gross, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, to be forfeited to the County of Alameda, as agreed and liquidated damages should the party or parties to whom the said contract shall be awarded fail to enter into the contract after the award or give the bond required by the Board for the faithful performance of the contract.

The Board of Supervisors reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Dated December 12th, 1927

GEORGE E. GROSS,
Clerk of the Board of
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LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. J. D. Lynch and Miss Margaret Lynch spent Christmas at the C. Lynch home at Los Gatos.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Jones of Oakland spent Christmas at the home of the former's brother, C. H. Jones of Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thane, Mrs. J. R. Whipple, Miss Crothwaite, Mrs. B. L. Thane and Miss Fay Thane spent Christmas with Mrs. C. M. Hobbs of Los Gatos.

Mrs. Florence Hudson of Niles is spending this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Button of Burlingame. Her three other daughters are also spending the week at the Button home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Donovan's Christmas guests included Mrs. Donovan's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Steele and Miss Isabel of Oakland, and her mother, Mrs. Marie Belloli of San Jose.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Gieb of Niles entertained the following at Christmas dinner: Mrs. Gieb's mother Mrs. Fraser and Mr. and Mrs. Kolander and son, Mrs. Winkler and Mr. and Mrs. Erickson, all of San Francisco, also Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Vieux and son of Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eberly of San Francisco were in Niles Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Freitas of Hollister spent Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. M. Borges of Niles.

Mrs. Mary Barnard spent Christmas in Broadmoor as one of sixteen guests at a family dinner, given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Hurley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Napham entertained Mr. and Mrs. M. Hadad of Niles and the S. Lyons, J. Maloof and M. Hajjar families of Oakland at dinner Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knudson, Mrs. D. Enos, Mrs. Vrouetos and son, George of Niles, attended a family Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kalles of Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary of Denver, old friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bergstrom spent Christmas and the following day at the Bergstrom home.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Mr and Mrs L. H. Pierce and little son of Niles spent Christmas day with friends at Palo Alto.

Miss Margaret Kling and Owen Swainson were Christmas dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Ed Rose.

Mrs Carthy entertained the H. Braun and F. A. McGowan families at Christmas dinner.

Arthur Duarte, Charlie Fontes and Joseph Damas of Niles are spending this week with friends in Sacramento.

Mr and Mrs Joe Caldiera of Oakland spent Christmas with her parents, Mr and Mrs Joe Dutra.

Mr and Mrs Herman Duarte and baby, of Martinez, spent Christmas at the home of his mother, Mrs J. R. Fontes of Niles.

Mr and Mrs. E. O. Fawcett of Berkeley spent Christmas eve at the C. F. Foster home, remaining until Sunday.

Next Tuesday Allan G. Norris, of Centerville, Deputy District Grand President of the N. S. G. W. will act as installing officer at the installation meeting of the Pleasanton parlors of N.S.G.W. and N.D.G.W.

Mrs E. De Guilo and sons, Louis and Ceasar and daughter, Theresa, attended a family Christmas dinner at the home of her brother in San Francisco. Mrs Di Guilo's mother and father who recently came over from Italy were also members of the party.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Make your New Year's Resolution to give her a box of our delicious candies at least once each week during 1928.

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Think of the saving too! If we buy but one quart a day at our Mutual Store instead of having it delivered, we will save \$7.32 on this food item alone in just this one year!

MUTUAL SAVINGS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT THE NILES MUTUAL STORE

DEL MONTE PEACHES

Melba halves in heavy

DEL MONTE PUMPKIN

All ready for some
syrup, No. 2½ can

16c

10c

LUX FLAKES, Large package 21c
For all fine garments, and dishes too!

MUFFETS

per package 10c
The new whole wheat breakfast food

MUTUAL PRESERVES Raspberry, 15oz jar 27c
Loganberry, 15 oz. jar 23c

DUNBAR SHRIMP

per can 15c
Medium size fancy shrimp

PEAS

picnic size, 3 cans 25c
Palace or Piedmont brand, Utah peas

CENTURY OLIVES

per can 14c
Large Manzanillos, about 60 to a can

EATING APPLES

Stayman Winesap or Delicious, all sizes
reduced 5c per dozen from regular prices.

POTATOES

50 lb. sack 99c
Selected Klamath gems

CABBAGE

Red or White variety, per head 9c

VEGETABLES

beets, carrots, turnips, 2 bunches 5c

BANANAS

Fancy east coast fruit, 3 lbs. 25c

LEMONS

Extra large size Sunkists, per doz. 33c

Mutual Ice Cream, pint brick 15c quart brick 25c

JENNY LIND COFFEE CAKE

For the New Year
breakfast each 18c

NEW YEAR CAKE

Silver layer cake, almond cream filling,
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